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room, communication room, turbines, other process control related cables, control panel, etc. was observed.

(c) and (d) The platform "BHF" is a part of "BHN" process complex of ONGC and the "BHN" complex had been under planned shutdown since 28.1.2001 for revamping works. However, due to the fire incident, there was a temporary ceasare of production from a platform "NQO" located nearby and also curtailment of production from the platforms "BHS" and "SHP". There was a decrease in oil and gas production, estimated to be around 1,10,800 barrels of crude oil and 8.5 Million Metric Square Cubic Meter of gas, and consequently Rs. 7.45 Crores worth of revenue was deferred.

Allocation of Petrol Pumps to permanently disabled soldiers

4244. SHRI DAWA LAMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 658 given in the Rajya Sabha on 27th February, 2001 and state whether Government would consider such quotas for allocations of Petrol Pumps/Gas Agencies to the permanently disabled soldiers of Kargil war?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): At present, there is no provision in the Special Scheme for widows/next of kin of Defence personnel killed in action in 'OP Vijay' (Kargil), for allotment of retail outlet dealerships/LPG distributorships to the permanently disabled soldiers of the Kargil war.

Financial assistance for special projects to Rajasthan

4245. DR. MAHESH CHANDRA SHARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the funds made available to the State Government of Rajasthan in the financial years 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 as grant

⁴⁰¹Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

under various heads, programmes or projects and for any other special items alongwith the details thereof; and

(b) whether all accounts of expenditures related with the said funds have been timely submitted by the State Government of Rajasthan to the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) Government has conveyed its approval on 8th November, 2000 to the release of funds not exceeding Rs. 4.27 crores to Oil Industry Development Board (OIDB) as grant-in-aid in favour of Rajasthan Government for carrying out R & D activities for exploration of Coal Bed Methane (CBM) in Rajasthan. OIDB has so far released an amount of Rs. 50 lakhs for the above said purpose during the year 2000-2001. Utilisation certificate for Rs. 33.32 lakhs has already been received by OIDB from Government of Rajasthan.

Reviews of irrigation projects

4246. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission have identified 43 major irrigation projects which were started during the pre-Fifth Plan period;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the cost escalation, project-wise, State-wise;

(d) the steps taken by Government for their time-bound completion;

(e) whether Government are planning to finish irrigation projects in drought affected State like Madhya Pradesh; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) to (c) The details of 44 ongoing major projects started in the pre-fifth five year plan are given in the enclosed statement (See below).

(d) to (f) Irrigation being a state subject, the responsibility of planning, funding execution and maintaining all types of irrigation